

PR update report



Monthly report: May 2021

Two pages

Summary:

The key story this month was ACL's response to consultation on transferring the assessment of all court-assessed civil legal aid claims to the LAA. Alongside this we have been progressing the proposal for *Legal 500*, and plan to submit that this week.

Releases:

Legal Aid Agency should not be given power to quantify the civil legal aid bills it then pays, Costs Lawyers warn, release drafted and sent on 12/5.

Coverage achieved:

New Law Journal: PDF only (6/4) – not included in May's report.

Family Lore Blog: <http://www.familylore.co.uk/2021/05/legal-aid-agency-should-not-be-given.html> (12/5)

Law Society Gazette: <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/buckland-urged-to-retain-choice-for-court-assessed-legal-aid-bills/5108474.article> (13/5)

New Law Journal: <https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/legal-aid-agency-should-not-assess-the-bill-it-then-pays> (17/5)

Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog: <http://disputeresolutionblog.practicallaw.com/a-part-36-offer-is-the-best-method-of-protection-during-costs-assessment-proceedings/> (19/5)

Additional activity:

5/5: Edited article from CG for *Litigation Funding* and sent to publication. Due to be published in June edition.

5/5: Edited article from KK for *Thomson Reuters Dispute Resolution Blog* and sent to publication. See coverage above.

5/5: Call with RW to discuss article ideas for businesses. As a result, KJ drafted 1,700-word article to target business press. However, as RW has resigned from Council, article has been dropped.

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7/5: Latest draft of *Legal 500* proposal submitted to CG/FK for sign-off. Also sent to Iain Stark for a supporting comment. Awaiting response.

10/5: Amendments made to *Legal 500* proposal and also sent to Iain Stark for a supporting comment. Awaiting response.

12/5: Produced press release of ACL response to consultation on civil legal aid bills in consultation with Adam Grant and Bob Baker.

24/5: Liaised with DC re: his latest article for *Thomson Reuters* and confirmed topic.

27/5: Drafted article on above for *Solicitors Journal*; and sent on 27/5.

Planned activity for June:

- Finalise proposal to *Legal 500* and submit.
- Draft and distribute annual conference release.
- Submit article to *Thomson Reuters*.

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